



1990

# Bridgewater State College Sesquicentennial Celebration: A Century and a Half of Tradition, Excellence, Community, Service

Bridgewater State College

---

## Recommended Citation

Bridgewater State College (1990). Bridgewater State College Sesquicentennial Celebration: A Century and a Half of Tradition, Excellence, Community, Service. In *Bridgewater State Anniversary Publications*. Paper 9.  
Available at: <http://vc.bridgew.edu/anniversary/9>

This item is available as part of Virtual Commons, the open-access institutional repository of Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.



# *Bridgewater State College*

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

150  
BRIDGEWATER



*A Century & a Half of  
Tradition • Excellence • Community • Service*



**Happy 150th Anniversary  
Bridgewater State!**

**Congratulations to a great institution  
founded in 1840,  
from some younger supporters.**

Tucker Anthony founded 1892  
Freedom Capital Management Corporation founded 1930



Investment Managers  
Serving Individuals, Families and Institutions.  
Freedom Family of Funds®

Freedom Gold & Government Trust  
Freedom Regional Bank Fund  
Freedom Government Income Fund  
Freedom Global Fund  
Freedom Global Income Fund  
Freedom Equity Value Fund  
Freedom Managed Tax Exempt Fund  
Freedom Money Market Fund  
Freedom Environmental Fund

One Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

For more information please contact  
Dave Messaline (617) 725-2032  
Charlie Stockbridge (617) 725-2119

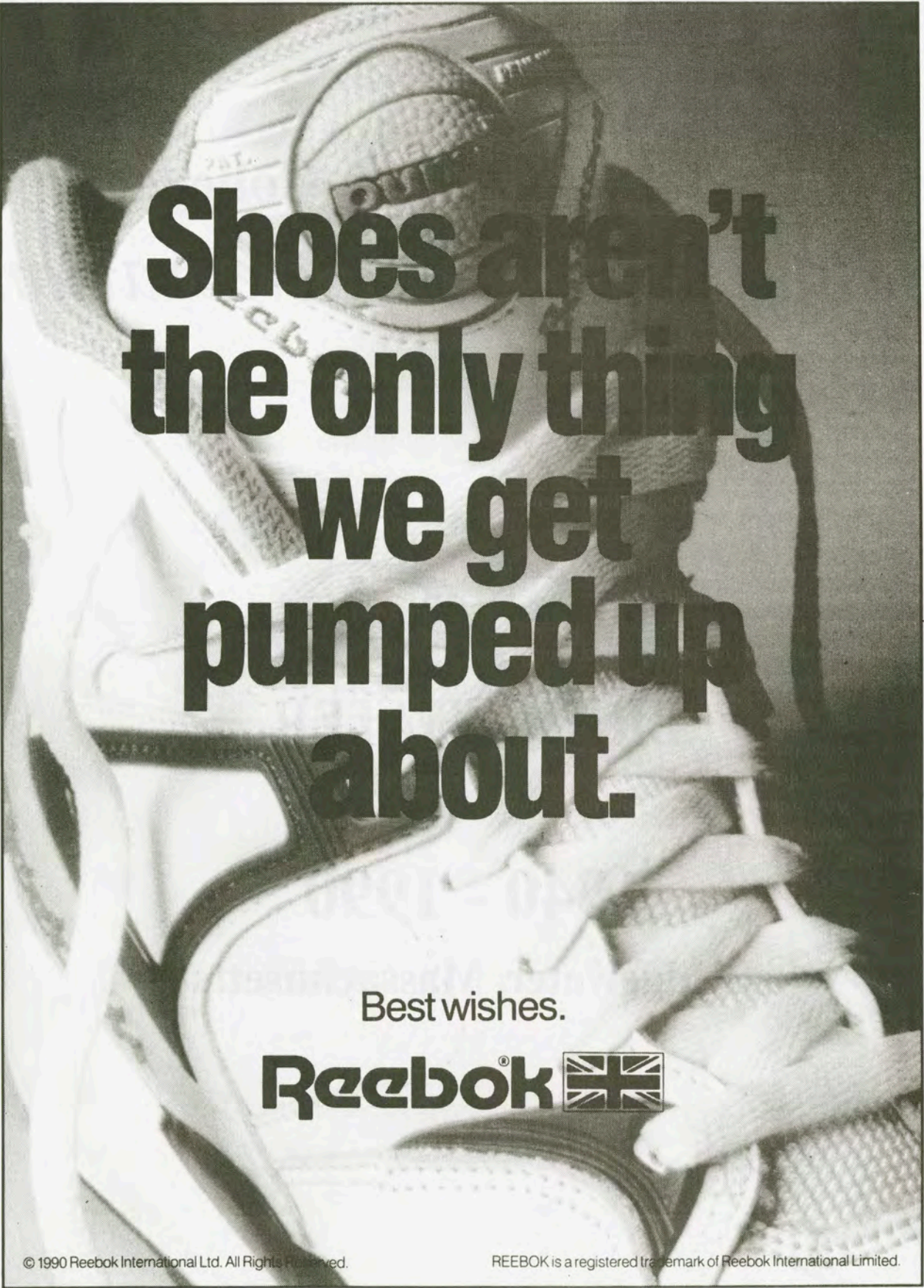
**Bridgewater State College**  
*Sesquicentennial Celebration*



**1840 - 1990**

**Bridgewater, Massachusetts**





**Shoes aren't  
the only thing  
we get  
pumped up  
about.**

Best wishes.

**Reebok** 

© 1990 Reebok International Ltd. All Rights Reserved.

REEBOK is a registered trademark of Reebok International Limited.



# 150 Years of Leadership

## Bridgewater State College Principals & Presidents

Nicholas Tillinghast	Principal	1840-1853
Marshall Conant	Principal	1853-1860
Albert Gardner Boyden	Principal	1860-1906
Arthur Clarke Boyden	Principal	1906-1931
	President	1932-1933
Zenos E. Scott	President	1933-1937
John J. Kelly	President	1937-1951
Clement C. Maxwell	President	1952-1962
Adrian Rondileau	President	1962-1987
Gerard T. Indelicato	President	1987-1988
Adrian Tinsley	President	1989-Present

## Bridgewater State College Trustees - 1990

Robert W. Crouch  
 Frank F. Dunn, Jr., vice chairperson  
 Carol B. Furr  
 Charles P. Hart  
 John C. Hoy  
 Gail M. Leftwich  
 Diana C. Lothrop, secretary  
 Paul E. Means  
 Walter R. Monahan  
 John E. Reilly  
 Louis M. Ricciardi, chairperson

North Dighton  
 Bridgewater  
 Brockton  
 Swampscott  
 Duxbury  
 Carlisle  
 West Bridgewater  
 Stoneham  
 Quincy  
 Norwell  
 Lakeville

## Trustees of the Normal School - 1840

Artemas Hale  
 Seth Sprague  
 Areid Thompson  
 Ichabod Morton  
 Sylvanus Bourne  
 Jonathan Parker  
 John B. Barstow  
 Anthony Collamore  
 Edward T. Little  
 Cyrus Merton  
 Rev. Samuel J. May  
 Jedediah Holmes

Bridgewater  
 Duxbury  
 Middleboro  
 Plymouth  
 Wareham  
 Plympton  
 Hanover  
 Pembroke  
 Marshfield  
 Halifax  
 Scituate  
 Kingston

## Sesquicentennial Committee

Dr. George Weygand, chairperson  
 Ms. Dorothy Bates  
 Mr. Joseph Chiccarelli  
 Mr. Ralph Fletcher  
 Mr. Paul Gaines  
 Ms. Martha Jones  
 Dr. Mary Lydon  
 Mr. Ashley McCumber  
 Dr. Frederick Meier  
 Dr. Adrian Rondileau  
 Ms. Kimberly DeCaro Williams  
 Dr. Clifford Wood



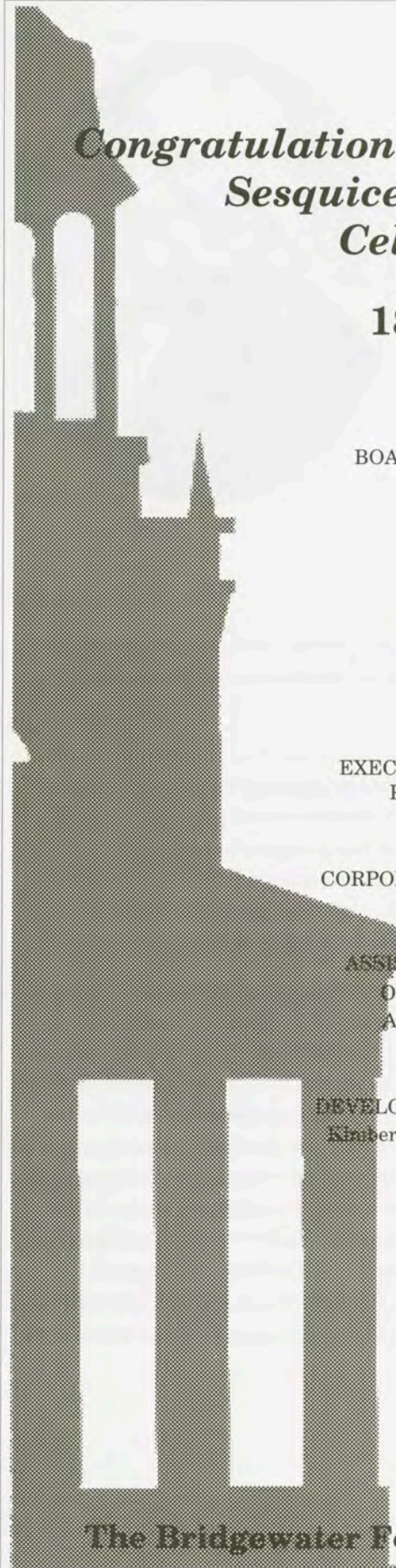
Ms. Mabell Bates  
 Dr. James Brennan  
 Mr. Philip Conroy  
 Ms. Carol Furr  
 Dr. Frank Hilferty  
 Dr. Isabelle King  
 Dr. Jacquelyn Madry-Taylor  
 Dr. Owen McGowan  
 Ms. Cynthia Ricciardi  
 Dr. Adrian Tinsley  
 Mr. David Wilson  
 Dr. Richard Veno



# BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE







# ***Congratulations on your Sesquicentennial Celebration***

**1840 - 1990**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

V. James DiNardo  
Harold S. Goldberg  
Peter M. Hartel  
Diana C. Lothrop  
Mary C. Lydon  
Herbert J. Lynch  
David J. Messaline  
Louis M. Ricciardi  
Adrian Rondileau  
Adrian Tinsley

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Philip A. Conroy, Jr.

**DIRECTOR OF  
CORPORATE RELATIONS**

Ralph J. Fletcher

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
OF DEVELOPMENT**

Ashley C. McCumber

**ASSISTANT  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

Kimberly DeCaro Williams

**The Bridgewater Foundation**

## ***Contents***

**History of the Normal School in Bridgewater ..... 6**

*A previously unpublished perspective by Artemas Hale*

**A 150-Year Heritage ..... 7**

*From the Convocation Address by Dr. Adrian Tinsley*

**Gold Pages ..... 17**

*Special contributors to the Sesquicentennial Celebration*

**The World in 1840 ..... 23**

**A Message from the President of the United States ..... 29**

**Greetings from Massasoit Community College ..... 31**

**Congratulations from the City of Taunton ..... 32**

**The City of Brockton offers Best Wishes ..... 35**



# *History of the Normal School in Bridgewater*

*by Hon. Artemas Hale*

*written sometime between 1846-1882*



---

*Artemas Hale, one of Bridgewater's most prominent citizens for nearly a century, 1783-1882, served on the original Board of Trustees of the College. He was instrumental in having the college located in Bridgewater rather than elsewhere in Plymouth County. He represented the Town in both the State Legislature and Senate and served two terms in Congress with John Quincy Adams.*

*We do not believe that his History of the Normal School was ever published before. The history was written in his own hand and although we have typed it to make it more legible, we have not changed it in any other way.*

---

**T**o the Rev. Charles Brooks of Medford, formerly Minister in Hingham, the public is largely, if not entirely, indebted for the introduction and establishment of Normal Schools in this Commonwealth.

In 1834 Mr. Brooks, then in London on his way home from a tour on the Continent became acquainted with Dr. H. Julius, who had been sent by the King of Prussia to learn the condition of our Schools, Hospitals and other institutions, and became his roommate on board the ship on their passage from Liverpool to this country. While on the passage the Dr. explained the system of elementary education in Prussia to Mr. Brooks, who became deeply interested in the subject and determined to devote himself to the introduction of Normal Schools in his native state.

He had previously formed an acquaintance with M. Victor Cousin, one of the first scholars in Paris from whom he obtained histories of the Prussian, Holland and Bavarian systems of education, especially of Normal School. After making himself fully acquainted with the different systems, he decided to adopt the Prussian system of Normal Schools for his model and guide. In 1835 he commenced his public efforts for the accomplishment of his philanthropic object by a series of Lectures in which he described the Prussian systems in detail and showed how it could be introduced into Massachusetts and how it would affect every town and family in the state. As the most effectual and direct way of bringing the public mind to the subject, he adopted the plan of holding conventions in various places. Accordingly, he addressed circulars in his own name to all the towns in Plymouth County, in which he then visited, inviting the friends of school reform to meet at Plymouth to take action in the premises.

*Continued on page 9*





## *A 150-Year Heritage*

*by Bridgewater State College President,  
Dr. Adrian Tinsley*

---

*Dr. Adrian Tinsley, the tenth president of Bridgewater State College, is the first woman to serve as president in the College's history. She presides over a college that Artemas Hale would find difficult to imagine existing at his once modest institution. From its humble beginnings in the Bridgewater Town Hall, the College now covers 170 acres, has twenty-eight residential and academic buildings and more than one-hundred undergraduate and graduate academic programs with a full-time faculty of 268 teacher scholars.*

*At the Sesquicentennial Convocation on October 26, 1990, President Tinsley addressed an audience of 1,200 which included a special guest, United States Secretary of Education Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos, and many other dignitaries. Dr. Tinsley announced that the Sesquicentennial Convocation was dedicated in loving memory to Patricia C. Amaral, Assistant to the President of the College.*

*It was a wonderful tribute to Mrs. Amaral, who passed away suddenly shortly before the Convocation. Patty made many contributions to the College and was admired by all. Her life and work made her the ideal representative of the many men and women who helped shape our great institution through the years.*

*The Convocation Address is excerpted in the following pages, and characterizes the tenor of Bridgewater State College in 1990 —150 years after its founding .*

---

*Continued on page 27*



*Bridgewater Credit Union*

...WITH ALL GOOD WISHES

75 Main Street  
Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324  
(508) 697-8101

*Congratulations Bridgewater!*

*On 150 Years of  
Tradition, Excellence,  
Community, and Service*

*from*

**Carriage House  
Antiques**

102 West Center Street  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

Furniture & Accessories/ Jewelry, Quilts, Paintings  
Bought & Sold  
Diana C. Lothrop (508) 584-3008

"The best service which maturity can render youth is to  
encourage and forward every worthy form of education..."  
- Thomas Alva Edison

*Congratulations to  
Bridgewater State  
for 150 years of  
Community Service*

 **Eastern Utilities**  
Eastern Edison

Congratulations on your  
Sesquicentennial  
from your College Bookstore



**BARNES  
& NOBLE**

**BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE BOOKSTORE**



*Continued from page 6*

The meeting was fully attended and after a full explanation of the subject by Mr. Brooks the following Resolution was phrased "That a committee be appointed to obtain funds by soliciting the Legislature at the next (session) and inviting individual donations for the purchase of land and the erection of necessary buildings, and put in operation a seminary to qualify teachers of youth for the most important occupation of mankind on earth.

Mr. Brooks continued his efforts and gave lectures in all parts of the state upon the subject of Normal Schools and the Prussian System of elementary education, travelling, as he states more than two thousand miles in his chaise, and without any compensation.

On the 24th of January 1837, in pursuance of circulars previously issued by Mr. Brooks, a convention of the friends of education was held at Halifax in Plymouth County, at which all the towns in the County, but two, were represented. Mr. Brooks was present and the day was spent in discussing the subject and it was unanimously voted to Petition the Legislature, then in session, for the establishment of Normal Schools, and Mr. Brooks was requested to take charge of the petition and defended it before the Committee on Education. The first step towards accomplishing the desired object was the establishment of a Board of Education and on the 20th of April 1839 an act was passed by the Legislature authorising the Governor to appoint eight persons, who with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor were to constitute a board of Education. In pursuance with this act the Governor appointed J.C. Carter, Emerson Davis, Edmund Dwight, Horace Mann, E. A. Newton, Robert Reintoul Jr., Thomas Robbins and Jared Sparks. The Board was organized in June following and Horace Mann was chosen secretary.

To encourage the establishment of Normal Schools, Hon. Edmund Dwight of Boston offered to give ten thousand Dollars, provided the State would appropriate a like sum for that purpose. This offer was accepted and on the 19th of April 1838 a Resolve was passed authorising the Governor to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for that sum in such installments and at such times as the Board of Education may require, provided that the Board in their request shall certify that the Secretary has placed at their disposal a sum equal to that for which application may be made by them, both sums to be expended under the direction of said Board in qualifying teachers for common schools in Massachusetts.

With this fund at their disposal the Board decided to establish three Normal Schools in the State and gave assurance that one of them should be in the County of Plymouth if suitable buildings should be furnished without expense to the

Board. It was estimated that ten thousand dollars would be necessary for that purpose.

Measures were immediately commenced for complying with the conditions of the Board. In order to create an interest in the cause among the people of the County, a Convention was called to meet at Hanover, September 4, 1838 and Hon. J. Q. Adams and Hon. Daniel Webster were invited to attend. The convention was very numerously attended and both of those gentlemen were present and made speeches highly approving of the object and the subject was fully discussed and explained by Mr. Brooks and others.

The friends of the cause continued their exertions to raise the necessary amount and on March 26, 1839 the Legislature passed an act incorporating Artemas Hale, Seth Sprague Jr., Ichabod Morton, Silvanus Bourne, Areid Thompson and their associates and successors, by the  
*Continued on page 11*

## Congratulations Bridgewater

# *Celebrating 150 Years of Quality Education*

*The New England Board of Higher Education*



## Neighbor-To-Neighbor Banking

We believe neighbors should help neighbors. That's why the money you invest with us gets re-invested back into the community.

See us for all of your banking needs.



# **Bridgewater Savings Bank**

**Neighbor-To-Neighbor Banking**

\* 14 Main Street, Bridgewater, 02324

\*Middleboro Rotary, Middleboro, 02346

\*12 West Center Street, W. Bridgewater, 02379

\*Six Main Street, Lakeville, 02347

*Globe*  
MANUFACTURING CO.

456 Bedford Street  
Fall River, Massachusetts 02720

*"Caring with Excellence —  
a Goddard Tradition"*



GODDARD  
MEMORIAL  
HOSPITAL

909 Sumner Street, Stoughton, MA 02072  
(617) 344-5100

### SERVICES PROVIDED

- Medicine
- Surgery
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Perinatology
- Neonatology
- Pediatrics
- Emergency Medicine
- Coronary Care Unit
- Special Care Unit
- Oncology
- Ambulatory Care Center
- Short Stay Surgery
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Day Care For Sick Kids

**Congratulations to  
Bridgewater State College  
for 150 years  
of high-quality education.**





name of the "Plymouth County Normal School in the County of Plymouth".

The Act provided that when said Corporation shall have provided buildings and necessary appointenances to the satisfaction of the Board of Education, said Board may occupy the premises and establish and maintain a Normal School therein and have the entire management and control of the same so long as they shall do it without expense to said Corporation, during which time said Corporation shall have no other authority than as guardians of the property belonging to them.

The Board was soon after organized by the choice of Artemas Hale, President; Areid Thompson, Secretary and Ichabod Morton, Treasurer. Rev. S. J. May, Anthony Collamor and several other gentlemen were afterwards associated with them. It is very much to be regretted that, in consequence of the death of the Secretary, Dr. Thompson, the records of the Board cannot be found.

For the purpose of receiving the ten thousand Dollars, it was decided to apply to the several towns in the County to appropriate their respective proportions of that sum from the Surplus Revenue, which had just before been divided by the General government. The town of Plymouth, Duxbury, Marshfield, Abington and Wareham voted to do so. The other towns declined, and an appeal was made to individual munificence to make up the deficiency.

The Trustees had many meetings for consultations and deciding measures for accomplishing the desired object. Public meetings were held in most of the towns in the County, which were generally attended by some one or more of the Board at which addresses were made by clergymen and others, and the importance of the measure as a means of enhancing the usefulness of our Common Schools by a more thorough preparation of

teachers was ably and strongly urged. Notwithstanding all these efforts but little more than eight thousand Dollars was pledged. It was then agreed by the Trustees that the town in which the school should be located should make up the additional two thousand Dollars. Individuals in the towns of Plymouth, Bridgewater, Hanover, Kingston, Plympton, Halifax and Middleborough agreed to do so, provided the school should be located in their own town. The next thing to be done was, to decide upon the location of the School and it was considered by the Trustees that it would afford more general satisfaction to the public if the location should be determined by disinterested men. Accordingly Hon. Samuel Hoar, Hon. Robert Reintoul Jr. and Hon. James G. Carter were appointed for that purpose.

They met on the 24th of March 1840 and on that and the day following, visited all the places where application had been made for the location of the School and on the 26th at Bridgewater, they gave a public hearing of all parties interested. The principal competition was between the towns of Plymouth, Middleborough and Bridgewater and the respective claims of those towns were urged in the strongest means possible.

The decision was in favor of Bridgewater. It was then thought that the desired object was soon to be accomplished and the School to be put in operation, but a new and unexpected obstacle was now presented. Some of the towns which had voted to pay their proportion of the ten thousand Dollars, had reconsidered their action and refused to do so, and as the other pledges and subscriptions were upon the condition that the full sum was to be raised, the whole matter as to funds, for which so much time and money had been spent became null and void.

Unwilling to abandon an enterprise which was deemed of so much impor-

tance application was made to the Board of Education to know upon what terms they would establish the School at Bridgewater. They voted that a Normal School be established at Bridgewater for the term of three years, on condition that the people of that place will put the \*Town House in such state of repair as may, in the opinion of the Visitors, be necessary for the accommodation of forty scholars, and that they place at the disposal of said visitors the sum of Five hundred Dollars to be expended in procuring a library and apparatus; and that they give reasonable assurance that the scholars be accommodated with board within a suitable distance at an expense not exceeding two Dollars per week.

It will thus be seen that notwithstanding so much philanthropy had been manifested in the various towns in the County, now that the location of the School was fixed in Bridgewater, the whole expense had to be borne by the people of that town.

The offer of the Board of Education was accepted. The town voted to grant the use of the Town House provided that the first Parish would consent to have town meetings held in their Meeting House free from charge, which the Parish agreed to do.

The Town House was fitted up to the acceptance of the Visitors at an expense of two hundred fifty Dollars and the Five hundred Dollars was paid over to them.

At the introduction of Normal Schools in the State a model school comprised of the children in the neighborhood was to be an appendage to it, to be taught by the pupils of the Normal School alternately. Accordingly a House for this purpose was erected near the Normal School, by the center school District at an expense of Five Hundred Dollars.

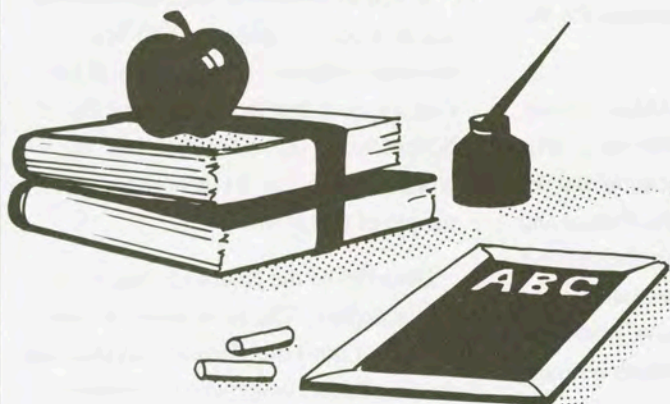
On the tenth of September 1840 a Con-

*Continued on page 13*

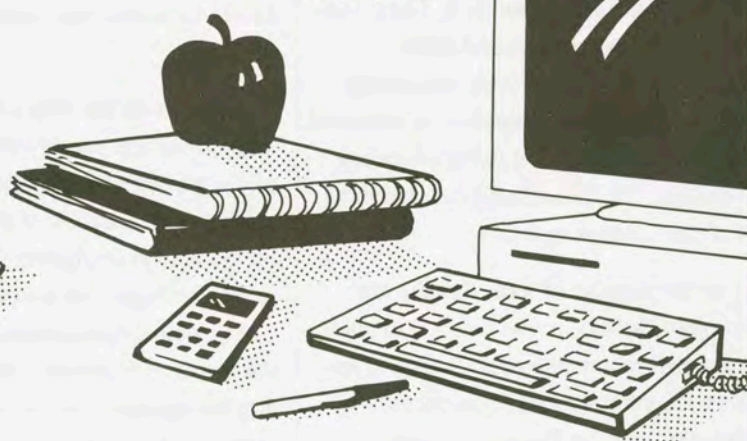


# Excellence In Education Then And Now

1840



1990

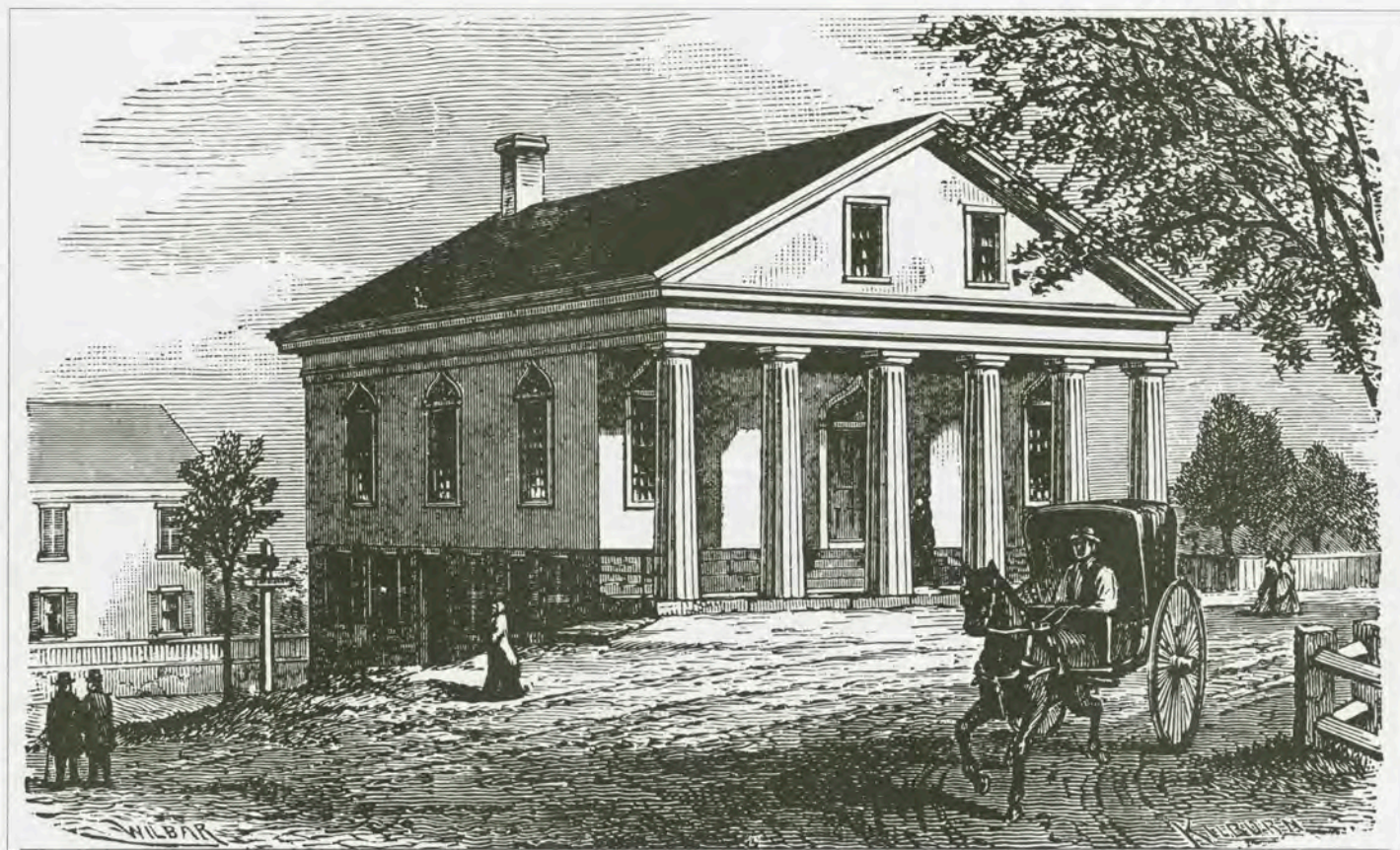


Congratulations, Bridgewater State College,  
for 150 years of preparing students for  
success in the modern world.

**Estabrook &  
Chamberlain  
Insurance Inc.**

The Revere House • 45 Main Street • Bridgewater, MA 02324 • (508) 697-6963





Old Town Hall, home of the school for the first six years

*Continued from page 11*

vention was held at Bridgewater, at which an address was delivered by Governor Morton. Horace Mann and others came on following day (Sept. 12th). The Normal School was commenced under the tuition of Nicholas Tillinghast, Esq. as principal. The number of scholars was - Males - Females. \*\* Mr. Tillinghast proved to be a very excellent and popular teacher and under his superintendence the school had increased so much that the accommodations were entirely inadequate. The services of this and other Normal Schools was, such that they were, no longer to be considered an experiment but, henceforward, were to be among the permanent institutions of the Commonwealth and buildings more suitable, convenient and permanent were required at Westfield and for the School in Plymouth County which, as before stated was established by the Board of Education for only three years at Bridgewater.

At the session of the Legislature in 1845 a memorial signed by Charles Sumner, R. C. Waterton, G. F. Thayer, Charles Brooks, and William Pryham was presented, asking for an appropriation of Five Thousand Dollars to defray the expense of suitable buildings, and a Resolve was passed March 10th authorising the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council to draw his warrant upon the Treasury in favor of the Board of Education for that sum at such time as the Board should require. Provided that the Board should certify that the same amount had been placed in their hands by the memorialists.

The Board of Education agreed to appropriate one half of the Five Thousand Dollars-say twenty five hundred Dollars for the School in Plymouth County, Provided the same amount should be raised by individuals.

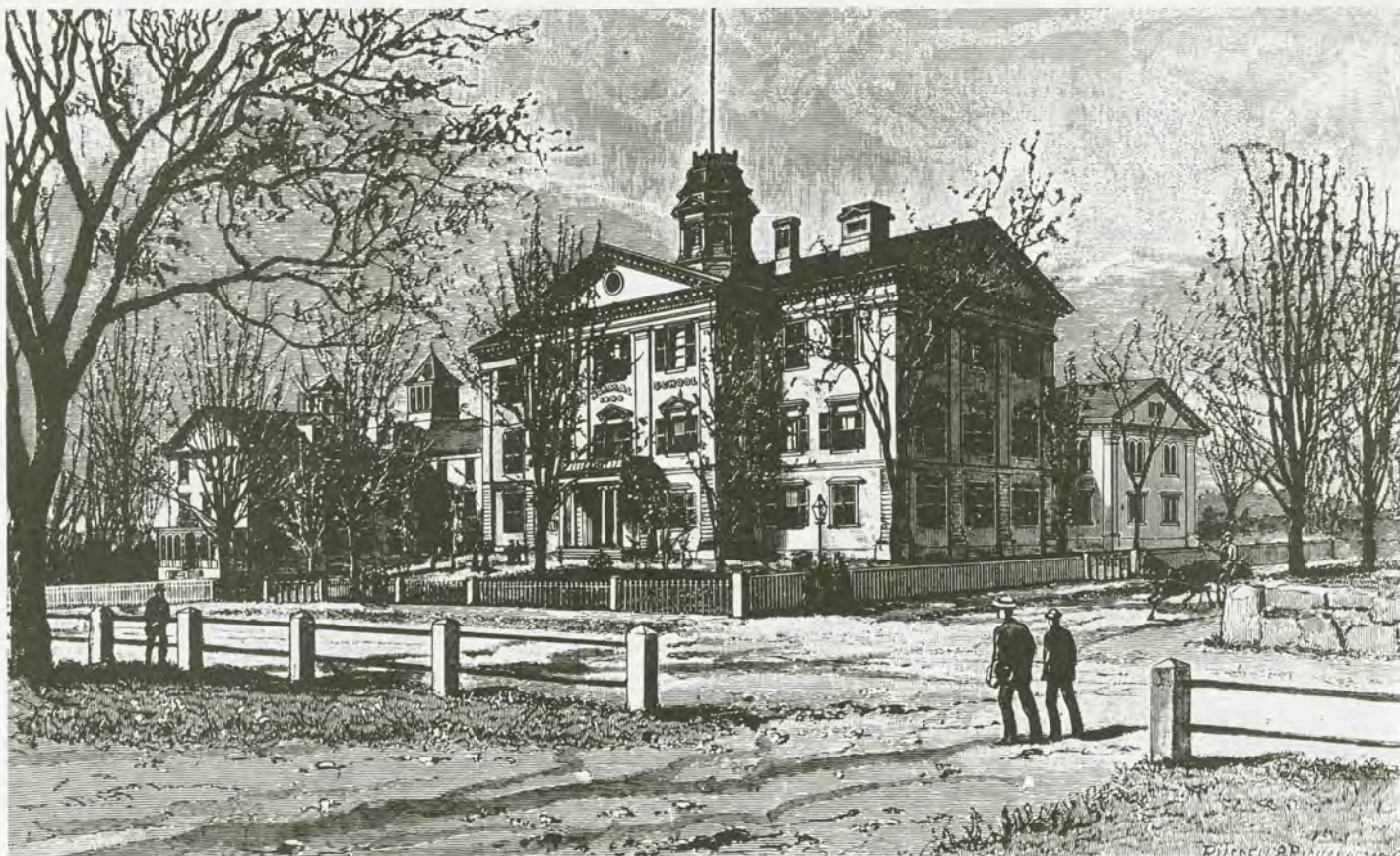
The question of location was again to be settled. The people of Plymouth pledged the amount required and made strenuous efforts to have it moved to that town.

The citizens of Bridgewater were also ready to comply with the conditions of the Board and thought that as they had borne all the expense of the establishment of the school and had furnished buildings free from rent for three years, when it was considered only as an experiment, that now when it was to be made permanent and new buildings erected, it was not fair that Plymouth that had paid nothing, should be placed on an equal footing with them.

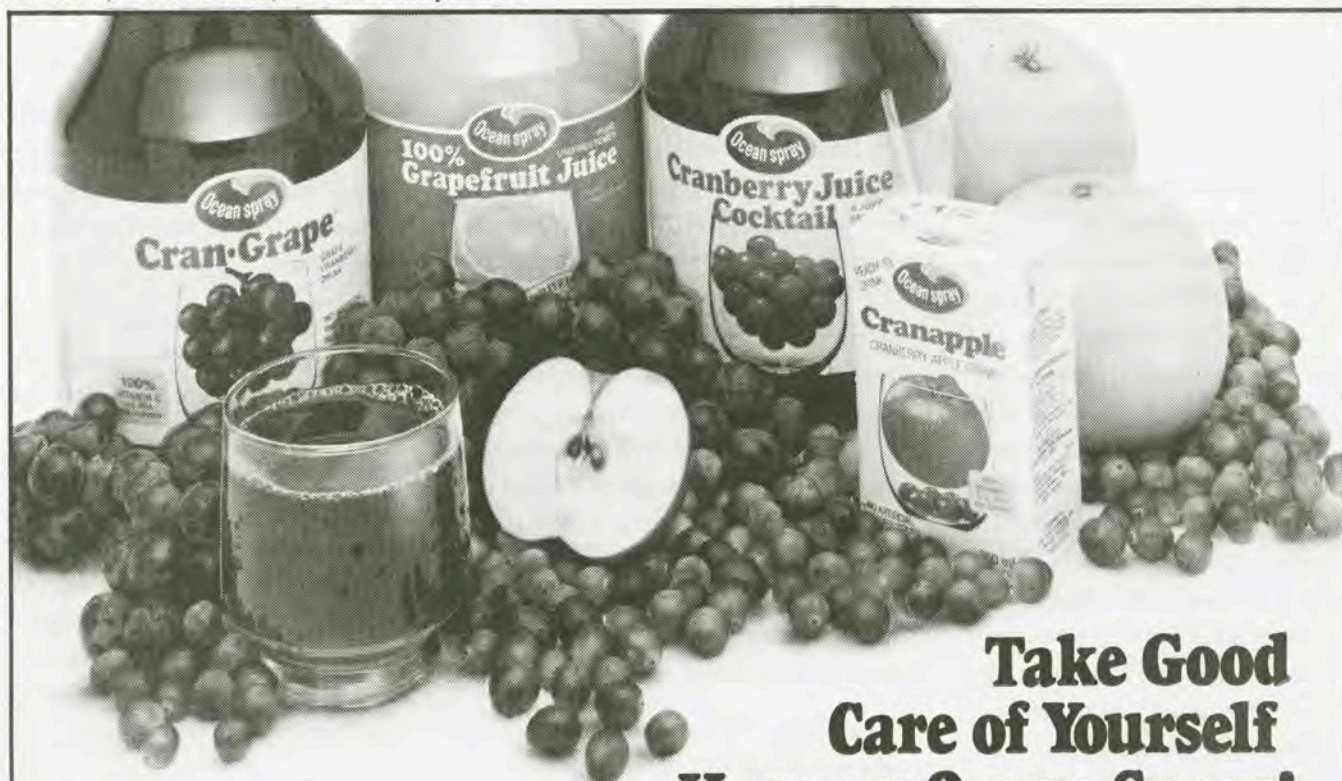
On the 28th of May 1845 the Board of Education met at Boston to hear the parties and decide upon the location. The meeting was attended by citizens of both

*Continued on page 15*





Normal Hall, Normal School, and Laboratory in 1881



## Take Good Care of Yourself Have an Ocean Spray!

The farmer's cooperative that brings you a wide range  
of natural fruit juices, drinks and sauces



Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., Lakeville-Middleboro, MA 02349, An Equal Opportunity Employer



*Continued from page 13*

towns who presented the claims of their respective towns with much earnestness. After listening with patience to the arguments of the parties interested, the Board decided that the school should be established at Bridgewater and measures were immediately taken for the erection of a suitable building.

Plans and specifications, were obtained and proposals for erecting the building were called for, but no contract could be made for the amount at the disposal of the Board and the matter was delayed for some time with no prospect of success. At length Mr. Mann came forward and gave his own obligation to make up the deficiency.

A contract was then made with Mr. David Bartlett of Kingston, who executed the work in a very faithful manner and on the 19th of August 1846 the building was dedicated. An address was delivered by Hon. W. G. Bates.

On settling the cost of the building it was found to exceed the funds in the hands of the Board of Education, about 800

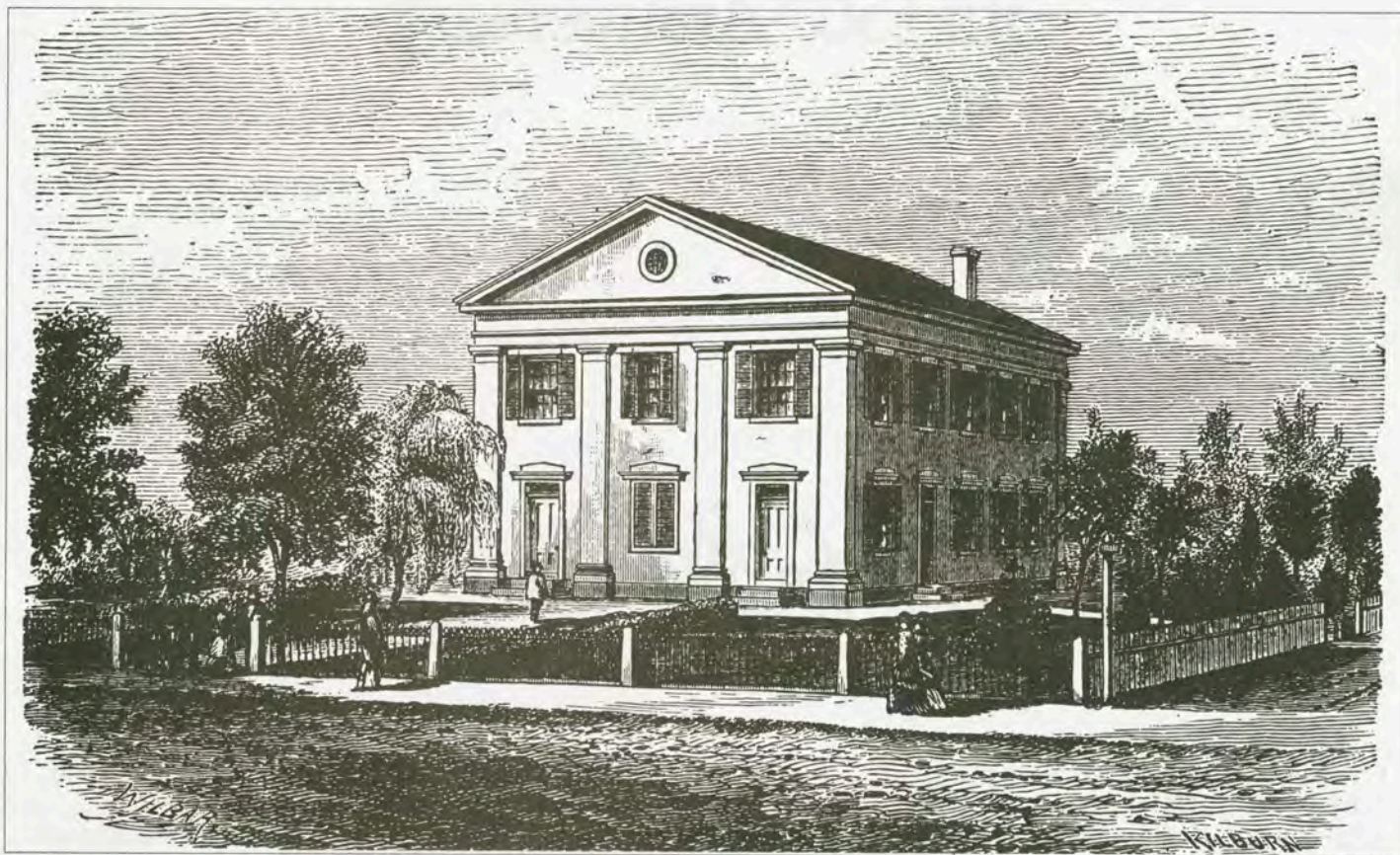
Dollars- One hundred of which was paid by an individual of Bridgewater and the balance by Mr. Mann.

Amount Paid for Normal School by Bridgewater

Committee for creating the School	60.00
Expenses of DO	17.00
Cash for Library	500.00
Fitting up Town House	250.00
Model School House	500.00
Rent of School Building 3 years	
For the new Building	2000.00

\*This was the old Town House standing on the opposite corner from the present one.

\*\*The number of male and female students was left blank by Artemas Hale in the original manuscript.



The first state normal school building in America, erected in Bridgewater, Massachusetts in 1846.





The John Hancock Family  
of Mutual Funds  
would like to congratulate  
Bridgewater State College on  
its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



For more complete information about John Hancock Mutual Funds, including fees and expenses, please call 1-800-225-6020 for a free prospectus. Read it carefully before you invest. John Hancock Mutual Funds are offered by John Hancock Distributors, Inc. a registered broker/dealer and an indirect subsidiary of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Boston, MA 02177.



## *Benefactors*

**Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Barry**  
**Ralph and Jean Fletcher**  
**Dr. Isabelle B. King**  
**Atty. and Mrs. Herbert J. Lynch**  
**David and Jeanne Messaline**  
**Louis M. and Cynthia Booth Ricciardi**  
**Dr. Adrian Tinsley**

## *Patrons*

**Phil and Jan Conroy**  
**Frank and Dorothy Dunn**  
**Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Hamilton**  
**June Fitzpatrick Verrochi '72**  
**Charles and Lynette Willett**

## *Sponsors*

**James and Lana Argir**  
**Paul Bonitto**  
**Joseph and Gloria Chiccarelli**  
**V. James and Norene DiNardo**  
**Dr. and Mrs. Henry J. Fanning**  
**Peter and Nancy Hart Flynn '61**  
**Peter and Maureen Hartel**  
**John Heller**

**Ruth and Ian Johnstone**  
**Ervin and Diana Lothrop**  
**Mary C. Lydon '55 Ed.D.**  
**Mary and Adrian Rondileau**  
**Peter and Sherilyn Tsaffaras**  
**Dr. Robert and Dr. Barbara Ward**  
**Dr. and Mrs. George Weygand**  
**Joe and Elis Yokelson**



## *Subscribers*

Marcia K. Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Archibald  
Maxine Asselin  
Tracy and Suzanne Baldrate  
Robert J. Barnett  
Glenn W. Cook  
James and Grace Cummings  
Tom and Ann Curley  
Sandra Faiman-Silva, Ph.D.  
Dick Fontaine  
Paul L. Gaines  
Harold S. Goldberg  
Fredericka and Joseph Huber  
Sylvia Keyes

Ashley C. McCumber  
Nancy Moses  
Calvin C. and Doris T. Overlock  
Linda and Wayne Phillips  
Lois Poule  
Trustee John E. Reilly  
Henry and Leola Santos  
Floyd J. and Regina M. Silvia  
Johanne Smith  
Maureen Sylvia and Ed Sylvia, C.P.A.  
Mrs. Terry Anne Vigil  
Marcia A. Webb  
Paul and Linda Wright  
Paula Vadeboncoeur

## *Friends*

John Bardo  
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Bates  
Aida M. Bruns  
Maureen Connelly  
Mercer Fellouris  
Dr. Genevieve A. Fitzpatrick  
Trustee Carol Furr  
Dr. Regina M. Gross  
John C. and Marie V. Hoy  
Mr. and Mrs. John William Jones '62, '64

Dr. and Mrs. Peter Karavites and Family  
David P. Kemple, Ph.D.  
Roger A. and Mary E. Kibart  
Sheila Tunstall McKenna '62  
Susan J. Miskelly  
Mary and John Myers  
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony L. Sarno, Jr. '64  
Dr. L. Stephen Traw and Loretta Traw  
Catherine M. Vaughn '82  
Kimberly DeCaro Williams

## *Angels*

Domingo Amado '87  
Anonymous  
Dr. Margaret Barber  
Samuel Baumgarten  
Professor and Mrs. Milton L. Boyle, Jr.  
Donald W. Brown  
Guy and Gail Clifford  
Robert W. Crouch  
Diana Draheim  
Mrs. M. Rita Drummond  
Linda Dutra '90  
Kathleen Dyer '90  
Joe and Peggy Finucci  
Jeanne Oliver Foster '77  
Mary P. Freeman and Tricia Freeman  
Richard Gopen  
Edward W. James

Shirley J. Krasinski  
Dr. Gail Leftwich  
Jacob Liberles  
Dr. Jacquelyn Y. Madry-Taylor  
Kathleen Nerney  
Dr. Evelyn Pezzulich  
Luigia and Louis Resmini  
Charles and Sandra Robinson  
Elaine M. Rocharz  
Stephen F. Smalley  
Ms. Valia Lee Thoms  
Mary Lou Thornburg  
David and Betty Wilson  
Kenneth A. Wolkon  
Dr. Clifford Wood '60  
Adeline Ziino



*Corporate Partner*  
**Plymouth**  
**Five Cents Savings Bank**

*Corporate Benefactors*  
**Bartlett Nuclear, Inc.**  
**Freedom Financial Services**

*Corporate Sponsors*  
**Bay Bank**  
**Bay State Gas Company**  
**Estabrook and Chamberlain Insurance**  
**John Hancock Mutual Funds**  
**Morrison's Custom Management**  
**Reebok International, Ltd.**



### *Corporate Patrons*

**Bridgewater Alumni Association  
Bridgewater State College Foundation  
Christo's, Inc.  
Ocean Spray Cranberries  
Keith Hersey Sheehan Benoit Dempsey & Oman, P.C.  
Rockland Trust Company  
Shaw's Supermarkets**

### *Corporate Friends*

**AFSCME  
APA  
Barnes & Noble  
Boston Edison  
Bridgewater Co-operative Bank  
Bridgewater Credit Union  
Bridgewater Savings Bank  
Bridgewater State College Dance Company  
Canadian Studies  
Carriage House Antiques  
Celia Insurance Agency  
Cirelli Foods, Inc.  
Department of Speech Communication, Theater Arts and  
Communication Disorders  
Eastern Edison Company  
Globe Manufacturing Company  
Goddard Memorial Hospital  
Holiday Inn of Taunton  
Massachusetts State College Association  
New England Board of Higher Education  
New England Telephone  
Sage Laboratories, Inc.  
The English Club of Bridgewater State College**



---

# Natural Gas.

The Clean Burning  
Energy Alternative.

*Natural Gas.*

*Fueling New England's Future.*



## Bay State Gas

*Your neighborhood natural gas company*



*Congratulations & Best Wishes*



*Félicitious et Bons Volonté'*

*Reflections of the past,  
Celebrating 150 Years  
Turning them into images for tomorrow*



**Congratulations from the B.S.C. English Club**

**Bravo!**



**Winterdance      December 6, 8 and 9  
Dance Kaleidoscope      April 12 & 13**

*Happy Anniversary  
Bridgewater!*

**Massachusetts State College Association  
Representing the Faculty/Librarians  
of Bridgewater State College**



# *The World in 1840...*

## ***In 1840***

Lower and Upper Canada are united by an Act of Parliament, July 23, 1840.

## ***In 1840***

LITERATURE: James Fenimore Cooper's The Pathfinder is a best seller and Richard Henry Dana, Jr., age 25, publishes, Two Years Before the Mast.

## ***In 1840***

The saxophone is invented by Belgian musical instrument maker, Antoine Joseph Sax, age 26.

## ***In 1840***

The Polka is introduced to the U.S. by Viennese ballet dancer, Fanny Elssler, age 30.

## ***In 1840***

The Russian composer, Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky is born.

## ***In 1840***

The Swiss naturalist, Louis Agassiz publishes his *Etudes sur les Glaciers* on the movements and effects of glaciers.

## ***In 1840***

The Blue Ribbon for the fastest crossing of the Atlantic is awarded to the S.S. Britannia (a wooden ship).

## ***In 1840***

Father Damien, the man who gave his life to caring for lepers in Molokai Hawaii, is born.

## ***In 1840***

The game of "nine pins" reaches peak favor in America.

## ***In 1840***

Penny postage is established in Great Britain.

## ***In 1840***

There is 2,816 miles of railroad in operation in the U.S.

## ***In 1840***

The Washington Temperance Society is formed.

*Continued on page 25*



CONGRATULATIONS  
on your  
SESQUICENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY

---

**Bridgewater Cooperative Bank**  
72 Main Street  
Bridgewater, MA 02324  
(508) 697-4686

Savings - Loans - Mortgages

SINCERE BEST WISHES

**Cirelli**  
FOODS, INC.

970 WEST CHESTNUT STREET • BROCKTON, MA 02401

**Institutional Food Service Distributors**  
**Cash & Carry Department - Open to Public**

Groceries

Frozen Foods

Paper Products

Cleaning Supplies

*Serving Restaurants, Schools, Institutions, Hotels, & Industry*

**Brockton-Area: (508) 584-6700**  
**Toll Free (Mass.) 1-800-242-0939**

  
**CELIA INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**

**Complete Insurance Service**

**Since 1947**

**Auto • Home • Business • Life**

**84 West Elm Street**  
**Brockton, MA**

**586-0599**

**Congratulations Bridgewater!**

*Here's wishing you another 150 successful years...*

**sage**  
LABORATORIES, INC.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO  
BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE  
ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

**BEST WISHES  
FROM**

**KEITH HERSEY SHEEHAN  
BENOIT DEMPSEY & OMAN, P.C.**

**Certified Public Accountants**

James E. Keith, CPA  
Peter W. Hersey, CPA  
Richard E. Sheehan, CPA  
William A. Benoit, CPA  
Thomas H. Dempsey, III, CPA  
Gary R. Oman, CPA  
Peter Mareb, CPA 1928 - 1990

17 Accord Park Drive Suite 205  
Norwell, MA 02061 (617) 878-8850

15 Christy's Drive  
Brockton, MA 02401 (508) 583-6519

555 Pleasant Street,  
Brockton, MA 02401 (508) 583-2040

*Continued from page 23*

***In 1840***

Queen Victoria of Great Britain marries her first cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

***In 1840***

Martin Van Buren is the 8th President of the United States.

***In 1840***

William Henry Harrison defeats Martin Van Buren in the Presidential election, Dec. 12.

***In 1840***

No more convicts settled in Australia.

***In 1840***

Harriet Tubman helps slaves escape from the South.

***In 1840***

Samuel Morse is working on an electric telegraph and his own code of dots and dashes.

***In 1840***

Elizabeth Cady Stanton is a delegate to an international convention held in London on slavery which she attends with her husband. She and other women delegates are excluded from the convention floor because of gender. Injustice to women in the anti-slavery movement eventually leads Elizabeth Cady Stanton to become a women's rights leader.

***In 1840***

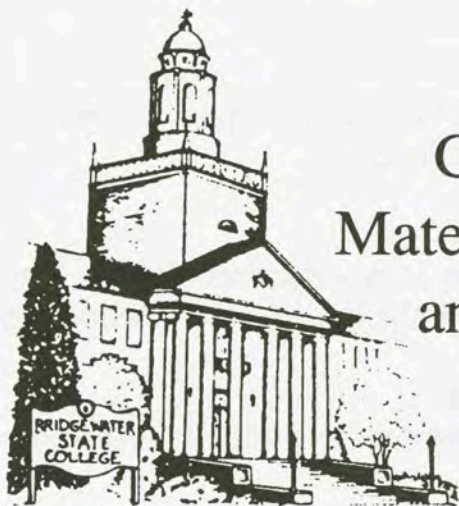
The Republic of Texas is recognized as a nation by the U.S., Great Britain, Holland and Belgium. Texas will become a state in 1845.

***In 1840***

The U.S. expedition to the South Seas, led by Captain Charles Wilkes, lays claim to a portion of the Continent of Antarctica in the name of the U.S.



1840 "Not to be ministered unto but to minister" 1990



Congratulations to our Alma Mater on the 150th Anniversary, and to all our alumni on their many accomplishments

The Officers and Executive Board of the Bridgewater Alumni Association

**Wherever  
you are  
on the  
South  
Shore . . .**

**We're your  
LOCAL  
Bank!**

From Weymouth to Whitman . . . from Manomet to Marshfield . . . and everywhere in between . . . there's a nearby Rockland Trust office to service all your banking needs.

*Local CONVENIENCE . . . Local SERVICE . . . from Friendly Local PEOPLE*



Member F.D.I.C.



Secretary Cavazos, Trustee Ricciardi, other distinguished platform guests, faculty, administrators, and staff, members of the senior class, other students, and friends all . . .

I am truly delighted to welcome all of you here this morning, and I am especially proud that Dr. Lauro Cavazos and Mrs. Cavazos are here to help us share in the celebration of an historic milestone . . . Not only for Bridgewater State College, but for public higher education in Massachusetts and for education at all levels in these United States.

Just one year ago, almost exactly to the day, in this same auditorium, on the day when I was inaugurated as this College's tenth president . . . I recall how moved I was by the words of Dr. Clifford Wood, then-President of the Alumni Association, who brought the greetings of the alumni to that occasion. In his remarks, Dr. Wood talked of a book called "Songlines," by the British travel writer Bruce Chatwin, which describes how the aborigines of the Australian subcontinent use songlines to trace their personal, tribal, and racial histories, and record their kinship with the land and all of its creatures.

The native Australians actually sing these lines, picking up segments at will or intoning them in their entirety, and by so doing, orient themselves to the land and to their past. I recall quite vividly Dr. Wood saying that we too have songlines of our 150 year history, and they radiate out from this small, southeastern New England college . . . And they are lines of great purpose and power, ancient lines of our Normal School origins, of teacher affecting teacher, of schools and colleges built all across this land. . . Of lives lived in the quiet heroism of competent and unbegrudged service.

In this past year I have learned many of those old songlines, and what they tell of heroes, of battles waged and battles won, of despair overcome, and of marriages of labor and dreams consummated in achievement. I have learned, for example, of that rugged old Army captain Nicholas Tillinghast, who was this College's first president.

Back in the days of water mills and wooden ships, back in the days when there were merely 26 states in the union, and when only four years earlier, a fortress called the Alamo, and a frontiersman named Davy Crockett, had fallen in a far-away place called Texas. . . a place that even then had long been home to the the ancestors of Lauro Cavazos.

Tillinghast as an Army officer had served in the West but returned East to the state of his birth and began this College in the basement of the old Town Hall in 1840 with a class of just

Continued on page 28

***We are proud to be a part of  
Bridgewater State College's  
150th Anniversary.***

Association of Professional Administrators  
Bridgewater State College Chapter

**We're the one for you New England.**



**New England Telephone**

A **NYNEX** Company



---

# Christo's and...



*Home of the  
"Greek Salad King"*

782 CRESCENT STREET  
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**Christo's  
II LTD.**

*Function Facilities*  
770 Crescent St.

**(508) 588-4202**

**Christo's II has put on a new face.  
South Shore's finest function facility is  
ready to serve all your banquet needs.**

**Wedding Packages are available.**

**Call our consultants at (508) 588-4202**

**"Your Affair is Our Business"**

---

*Continued from page 27*

twenty-eight students. It was a humble beginning, to be sure, but the idea of a "Normal School" to train teachers here in Plymouth County had the strong backing of such prominent leaders as Daniel Webster, and former President John Quincy Adams.

It was, nevertheless, a hard struggle for Tillinghast to keep this College open in the earliest years and when money became scarce, there were several serious attempts to close the school. Tillinghast, however, persevered, and in 1846, he moved the small College from the basement of the old Town Hall into a brand new building — the first building ever built in America for the preparation of teachers. The great educator Horace Mann — the father of the "Normal School" movement in America — was in Bridgewater that day to dedicate the new building . . . And here are his words, which echo down through the years to us:

"The opening of this building," he said, "belongs to that class of events which may happen once, but are not capable of being repeated . . .

"Coiled up in this institution, as in a spring, there is a vigor whose uncoiling may wheel the spheres."

In many ways, Horace Mann proved a prophet. Bridgewater is a college today that serves over 9,000 students, and a physical

plant of 28 buildings spread over 170 acres, and a great and enduring TRADITION to boast of, to be proud of, to pass on, in songlines, to new generations.

Those lines are dear and meaningful to us because they connect us to a woman named Julia Sears, who graduated from Bridgewater in 1858, and later became the first woman to be president of any college or university in America -

And those lines connect us to Shuje Isawa, who earned his degree in 1871 and then returned to his native Japan, where he founded that nation's first public schools . . .

And those lines connect us to great teacher and internationally-recognized scholars, such as Jordan Fiore, a graduate of the class of 1940 and a member of the faculty from 1956 to his death in 1989.

When we hear songlines such as these, and so many others, we are reminded of our obligation to write new songs of new hopes and of new visions. Our history is grand and inspiring, and seen as a book, it's filled with pages to delight, and comfort, and offer perspective. But history, as a book, has an insatiable appetite for new chapters.

Right now, for the portion we must author, we certainly have a great crisis for our material. I don't know how the chapter that

*Continued on page 30*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

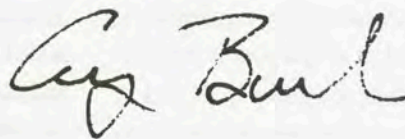
September 18, 1990

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to the students, administrators, faculty, and staff of Bridgewater State College as you celebrate its 150th anniversary. Congratulations on this milestone achievement.

Education has always played a prominent part in American life, helping us understand and enjoy the rights and opportunities we have as members of a free and democratic society. However, our nation -- indeed, the whole world -- has changed dramatically during the past century and a half. Science and technology have enriched our lives and have created new, exciting opportunities in virtually every field of endeavor. If the United States is to remain a strong and prosperous nation, one that is competitive in a rapidly changing global economy, our educational system must keep pace.

Since 1840, Bridgewater State College has done exactly that, providing generations of outstanding young men and women with a quality education. You can take special pride in your recognition as the "home of teacher education in America," for it is the dedication and commitment of teachers that inspire young people to learn. On this special occasion, I am pleased to commend your steadfast devotion to academic excellence.

Barbara joins me in wishing you a wonderful 150th anniversary celebration and continued success in the years to come. God bless you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geo Bush", is centered below the typed text.





TAUNTON

## CONGRATULATIONS

From the Staff and Management  
at the

**Holiday Inn**  
Taunton

700 Miles Standish Boulevard  
Taunton, MA 02780

## Happy 150th Bridgewater

*Wishing you many, many more...*

American Federation of State,  
County, and Municipal Employees

*Continued from page 28*

we've been given to write will ultimately turn out — nobody knows that — but when the chronicle of these uncertain and difficult times is finally completed, this much I do know: It will be said that we at Bridgewater remained committed to preserving the strength of the academic program . . . that every Bridgewater student had the opportunity to develop the sensitivity and the wisdom that educated men and women should bring to every aspect of their lives. And the quality of the academic experience remained very high because this entire community was committed to that goal. Given our roots and our songlines, we have no other choice.

So that if Nicholas Tillinghast were to walk again on the green expanse of the College Quadrangle . . . And if he were to ask us, "Tell me, how stands the College on this autumn morning?" We could answer, "In truth, Mr. Tillinghast, the College stands well. Strong in character and purpose, just as you remember it. Resolute and determined, just as you left it. Larger, of course, and infinitely broader in its impact, than you knew it . . . and being tested — to the limits of its energy and imagination — to

cope with severely limited financial support." No doubt, Tillinghast would smile, nod his head, and say, "Well, at least some things haven't changed" . . . and he would tell us not to lose faith, that struggle is a legacy of Bridgewater's songlines . . . and from those experiences we draw courage, and hope, and the drive to excel in spite of the odds.

What I genuinely hope is that 150 years from today, in the year 2140, when the College observes its 300th anniversary, the people of that generation will hear our songlines and say, "Here's a salute to the people of 1990 . . . they must have been of good stock and good repute. The United States Secretary of Education himself was here to help them celebrate their Sesquicentennial." And I hope they will say of us that — true, we did face very difficult fiscal challenges, but we ensured that the College not only survived but even prospered, that we did, indeed protect the strength of the academic program . . . and we added new harmonies to the old themes of excellence, service, and community. Personally, ladies and gentlemen of 1990, I can think of no finer tribute. Thank you.





*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ONE MASSASOIT BOULEVARD  
BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02402

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 2, 1990

Adrian Tinsley, President  
Bridgewater State College  
Bridgewater, MA 02325

Dear Dr. Tinsley:

On behalf of the Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Massasoit Community College, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Bridgewater State College for 150 years of academic excellence. For the past twenty-five years, Massasoit has enjoyed a warm and productive relationship with Bridgewater State, as many of our students have chosen to continue their education "down route 28," and I look forward to a future of continued and expanded cooperation. I have long considered Bridgewater State the jewel in the crown of state colleges, and I am reminded of the words of St. Francis de Sales in that regard, who said, "Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly." Bridgewater's strength has been her keen sense of identity and self-esteem, and she has sought perfection throughout her long history. Bridgewater's quest for perfection has yielded a well-earned reputation for excellence, and we applaud that stature during her anniversary year.

Bravo, Bridgewater State! You mean so much to the people of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerard F. Burke".

Gerard F. Burke  
President

GFB/jcl





# CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS

RICHARD JOHNSON, MAYOR

TELEPHONE (508) 822-0581

BARBARA A. LAUGHLIN  
Administrative Assistant

CAROLYN P. ARIETA  
Assistant

October 30, 1990

Dear Friends of Bridgewater State College:

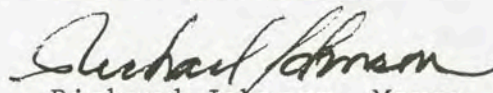
It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to express my congratulations to the entire Bridgewater State College family on the occasion of the schools' 150th anniversary. As a graduate of this outstanding college, I can personally attest to the quality of education that I received during my years at Bridgewater, and in particular how much these studies assisted me in my twenty years as a professional public administrator.

As the Mayor of Taunton, I thank each and every employee of Bridgewater State College from Presidents, Administrators, Professors, and other support staff for maintaining the spirit of Bridgewater State College and the constant striving for excellence in education. More Tauntonians have graduated from Bridgewater State than any other college in this state or country. The impact that Bridgewater has had on our quality of life and the state of our economy is immeasurable.

I welcome Dr. Tinsley as our new President and congratulate her on the many accomplishments for which she is directly responsible in such a short period of time. It is imperative that we continue to follow her leadership through the 90's and preserve the bountiful traditions of the Bridgewater heritage.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the late Dr. Jordan Fiore for all he did for so many of us, and remember that it is truly the people of Bridgewater that have made her long history so outstanding, and that the energy of these individuals has given hope and opportunity to so many.

Very truly yours,



Richard Johnson, Mayor

RJ:cpa

TAUNTON — A CITY OF AMERICAN FIRSTS

FIRST WOMAN TOWN PROPRIETOR • FIRST FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR  
FIRST TO FLY LIBERTY AND UNION FLAG • FIRST MAJOR SILVER MANUFACTURING CENTER



# Excellence in performance.

We demand it of ourselves.  
We applaud it in others.

**BayBank®**

Member FDIC



# ***shaw's***



**SUPERMARKETS**

**Congratulations  
Bridgewater  
State College  
on your  
Anniversary**



A symbol of learning -- 1967



# City of Brockton Massachusetts

## Office of the Mayor

Carl D. Pitaro, MAYOR, CITY HALL, BROCKTON, MA 02401

508/580-7123



October 19, 1990

Dr. Adrian Tinsley  
Bridgewater State College  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dear Dr. Tinsley;

Congratulations from the people of the City of Brockton commemorating Bridgewater State College 150 years of academic success.

Bridgewater State College has made its mark in the area of higher education, from its conception in the year 1840 with borrowed quarters in Bridgewater Town Hall, to the outstanding campus of 12,000 undergraduates and graduate students in attendance each year with many from our City of Brockton.

The continued cooperation between Bridgewater State College and the City of Brockton on issues for the betterment of the regions future and the development of a data base sharing network between the cities and towns is just one of the outstanding programs emanating from Bridgewater State College.

We wish you continued success in serving this regions educational needs in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carl D. Pitaro", is written over a faint, circular embossed seal.

Carl D. Pitaro  
Mayor

CDP/ec





---

*Morrison's Custom Management*

---

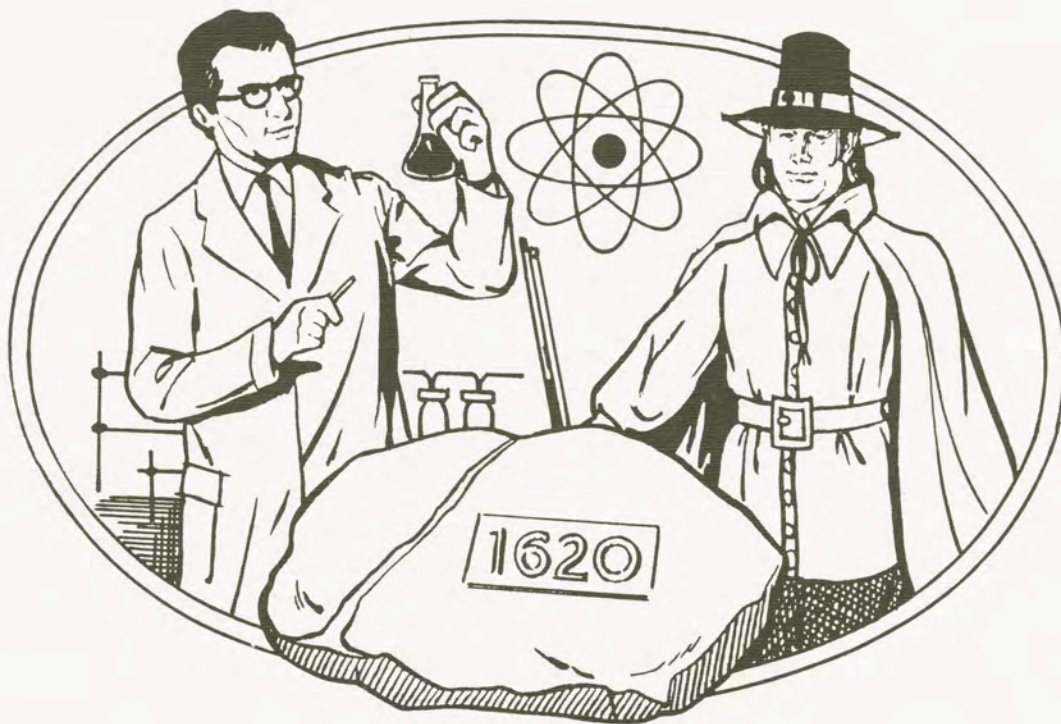
*Ed Gorman,  
District Manager  
and the entire  
Morrison's Custom Management Staff  
are pleased to be a part of the  
Bridgewater Family,  
Celebrating 150 Years of Excellence*

**Bridgewater State College \* P.O. Box 320 \* Bridgewater, MA 02324  
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS  
4721 Morrison Drive \* P.O. Box 160266 \* Mobile, Alabama 36625 \* 205/344-3000**



# BARTLETT NUCLEAR INC.

P.O. BOX 1800  
MAIN OFFICE: 60 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD  
PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK  
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360



*"Best Wishes on your 150th Anniversary from everyone at Bartlett Nuclear, Inc."*





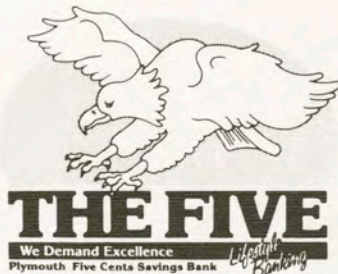
# Congratulations, Bridgewater State College!

The Five offers a tip of the mortar board  
for **150** years of excellence in education  
and service to the business community  
of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Elliot W. Chassey  
Chairman of the Board  
President and Chief Executive Officer

#### Board of Directors

Souther H. Barnes	Jerry Kroupa
Alan H. Carlin	Jordan S. Prouty
Elliot W. Chassey	Kenneth Rand
Orrin M. Colley	Clifford E. Sampson
Robert J. Gabriel	Robert D. Sampson
Robert E. Galvin	Lydia Ann Steele
Richard A. Hall	Dean L. Stevens
William Harrington	Paul J. Whipple
Jack Heneghan	



#### Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank

Bridgewater (508) 697-6600

Plymouth (508) 746-4600 / Manomet (508) 224-9551 / West Plymouth (508) 747-5222

Kingston (617) 585-9663 / Duxbury (617) 934-0013 / Marshfield (617) 834-8037

Middleboro (508) 946-0535

Member FDIC/DIFM